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# Maine Community College System

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Maine's comprehensive two-year college system, offering career and transfer programs, customized training and lifelong learning.

### ENROLLMENT

#### IN THREE YEARS: 42% RISE IN DEGREE ENROLLMENT

- The number of degree students has jumped 42% in three years, to 10,680 students.
- A total of 12,473 credit students (degree and non-degree) enrolled in fall 2005, an increase of 23% in three years.
- Enrollment is growing in career, trade and liberal studies areas.
- In Fall 2005, 3,465 students enrolled in liberal/general studies, representing 32% of all degree students.
- Enrollment in career and technical programs has grown 18% in three years, to a total of 7,215 students.
- Enrollment in trade programs has increased 25% since 1999.

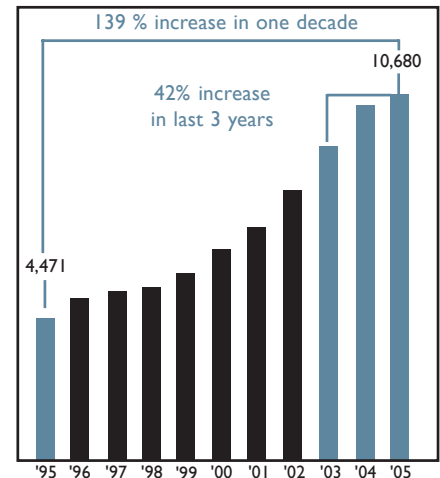
#### STUDENT PROFILE

- 6,031 first-year degree students enrolled in fall 2005, up 7% over last year.
- 8,903 applications were received for fall 2005.
- 51% of first-year students are women and 49% are men. The number of first-year men rose 8%, women rose 6%, over last year.
- 35% of first-year students entered with some prior college.
- 56% of first-year students are 21 or under; 31% are over 25; and 10% are over 40.
- The average age of all degree students is 27.
- 40% of degree students attend part time.

#### MORE ENTERING DIRECTLY FROM HIGH SCHOOL

- 1,881 first-year students (31%) entered directly from high school—an increase of 50% in three years.
- 93 first-year students enrolled through the MCCS' Early College for ME program in fall 2005.
- As of June 2005, 71% of Early College for ME students who had entered college were successful (still enrolled, transferred or graduated).

6,200 MORE DEGREE STUDENTS SINCE 1995



#### FACTS AT A GLANCE

The Community Colleges served nearly 20,000 credit and noncredit students last year.

97% of first-year students are Maine residents.

95% of graduates are placed in jobs or continue their education.

96% of employed graduates find jobs in Maine.

The Community Colleges offer the lowest tuition in Maine: \$74 per credit hour.

78% of full-time students are receiving financial aid.

About a third of the state's Registered Nurse graduates each year earn their degree from a Maine Community College.





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## OUR PROGRAMS

More than 300 associate degree, certificate and diploma options are available in health care, education, business, liberal studies, computer fields, hospitality, automotive, electronics, manufacturing, marine fields, public safety, and more.

### HOT CAREER PROGRAMS:

- 16% of students are enrolled in trade or related programs.
- 14% are in nursing and health related programs.
- 12% are in business and office administration.
- 11% are enrolled in computer and multimedia programs.
- 8% are in early childhood and paraprofessional education.

## GRADUATE RESULTS

- 95% of Community College graduates are placed in jobs or continue their education. 96% of employed graduates find jobs in Maine.
- 2,090 Community College transfer students are currently enrolled at Maine's public universities, a jump of 25% in three years.
- Community College transfer students (with 50 or more CC credits) enrolled at Maine's universities in 2001 had an average GPA of 3.03, equal to or higher than their university peers.

## HELPING MAINE BUSINESSES GROW

- Last year, Maine's Community Colleges offered customized education and training to 3,789 employees (6,934 registrations).
- Customized training was provided to 137 employers in 2004/05.
- The Maine Quality Centers program has helped 194 companies expand their operations in Maine, creating a projected 9,987 new jobs for Maine people.
- 9,967 Maine people have been trained and hired through the Quality Centers program, at an average wage of \$10.76 per hour (full time with benefits).

### AFFORDABLE TUITION

The Community Colleges offer the lowest tuition in Maine: \$74 per credit hour. The average cost to attend a Maine Community College is \$2,700 a year in tuition and fees.

### ABOUT COMMUNITY COLLEGES

- The first community college was created in Joliet, IL in 1901. Today, there are 1,157 two-year community colleges in the U.S.
- Community colleges enroll 46% of the nation's undergraduates.
- 52% of community college students are first generation college students.
- The average age of community college students is 29.
- 65% of new healthcare workers get their training at community colleges.
- Nationally, three out of four college freshmen over age 23 attend community colleges.
- 96% of students who enter community colleges right after high school do so in the same state.

Sources: American Association of Community Colleges, National Center for Education Statistics, and other sources.

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The seven Community Colleges and eight off-campus centers are within 25 miles of 92% of Maine's population. Off-campus centers are located in East Millinocket, Ellsworth, Belfast, South Paris, Caribou, Houlton, Dover-Foxcroft and Bath.

Central Maine  
Community College  
Auburn

Eastern Maine  
Community College  
Bangor

Kennebec Valley  
Community College  
Fairfield

Northern Maine  
Community College  
Presque Isle

Southern Maine  
Community College  
South Portland

Washington County  
Community College  
Calais

York County  
Community College  
Wells